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TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee and MAG Elder Mobility Stakeholders Group

FROM: Vice Mayor Claudia Walters, Chair, MAG Elder Mobility Stakeholders Group
Robert Maki, Chair, MAG Transportation Safety Committee

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

March 21, 2006 - 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office Building, 2nd Floor, Cholla Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

This will be a joint meeting of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee and the MAG Elder Mobility Stakeholders Group, and will be held at the time and place noted above. Members of the MAG Transportation Safety Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG site three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTSC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Sarath Joshua at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call To Order

2. Welcome

Vice Mayor Claudia Walters, Chair, Elderly Mobility Stakeholders Group will welcome members to the joint meeting.

3. Meeting Logistics

The logistics of the joint meeting will be described.

4. Call to Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee and the Elder Mobility Stakeholder Group on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless members request an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

5. Discussion of Elder Mobility & Safety Project Options

The recommendation generated at the last joint meeting held in January 2006, called for developing a MAG funded project that would fund the installation of advance street name signs and intersection street name signs - both using larger and more visible letter sizes and fonts. MAG staff have developed an approach for allocating the available \$400,000 in federal funds for this project to interested jurisdictions. Please see Attachment One for details.

2. For information.

3. For information.

4. For information.

5. For information, discussion and possible action to approve a set of criteria to be utilized in selecting and funding projects.

Adjournment of the Elderly Mobility Stakeholders Group Meeting

6. Approval of November 15, 2005 MAG Transportation Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

7. Program Managers Report

The following items will be addressed:

- Introduction of new MAG staff member
- Report on Activities at Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council.

8. SAFETEA-LU and Federal Funds for Road Safety Improvements in the MAG Region

A new core federal transportation program named, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), has been established through SAFETEA-LU reauthorization. This program provides funding for safety improvements in each state based on three key criteria: (1) total fatalities, (2) number of miles of public roads, and (3) amount of vehicles miles of travel. Funds allocated to each state, based on these three criteria, are anticipated to be invested across the state mainly focusing on safety problems and where they occur. Over the last ten years the nearly 40 percent of all fatalities in the state occurred in the MAG region. Final guidelines from Federal Highway Administration on the disbursement of federal safety funds have not been released as yet. At the state level, a Transportation Safety Plan was developed in September 2005. The state is also in the process of developing a Strategic Highway Safety Plan by October 1, 2006, required by SAFETEA-LU.

In view of these developments and the likely opportunities for safety funds, the committee will discuss a possible call for safety improvement projects. Such a call would help identify safety needs in the region that may qualify for federal HSIP funds, based on criteria to be established by the state.

6. Approval of November 15, 2005, MAG Transportation Safety Committee meeting minutes.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information, discussion and recommendation of a MAG announcement calling for safety improvement projects.

9. Reports by Committee Members on Transportation Safety Activities

Members will be requested to report on transportation safety related activities at their agencies.

10. Discussion of Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16 , 2006.

11. Adjournment

9. For information and discussion.

10. For information.